

SKATE ONTARIO 2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT



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MISSION STATEMENT

Skate Ontario is an organization dedicated to the principle of enabling every citizen in the Province of Ontario to participate in skating throughout his/her lifetime for fun, fitness and/or achievement. This is accomplished through the implementation of programs and events in all communities throughout the Province.

Welcome Message - Karen Butcher & Lisa Alexander



Thank you for the opportunity to reflect on Skate Ontario's progress over the year. Like Skate Ontario athletes, we continue to build on our accomplishments, while addressing our challenges.

We are very proud to recognize the countless hours Board members, committee members, officials, volunteers and staff have invested to create successful events, programs and new initiatives for all stakeholders. Talk about Strength in Unity! Skate Ontario is over 70,000 members strong and represents approximately 40% of the nation's skaters. As a provincial organization dedicated to the promotion of figure skating in Ontario, we believe in blazing the trail for other Provincial Sport Organizations to follow.

Skaters are always at the centre of our plans and countless practices, competitions, test days, ice shows, performance days, monitoring sessions and seminars connect us all. Results continue to show our strength and passion. Skate Ontario had the largest delegation at Challenge and won the most figure skating medals of any province at the Canada Winter Games. At the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Ontario athletes won medals at the Novice and Junior level and were crowned champion in every Senior event (Alaine Chartrand, Nam Nguyen, Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marinaro and Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje). At the Junior Grand Prix Final, Stephen Gogolev stood on top of the podium. In addition to competing at International and Junior and Senior Grand Prix events in singles, pairs, dance and synchro, Skate Ontario athletes proudly represented Canada around the world at all major International Skating Union events. We are #SkateOntarioProud.

On the horizon are more occasions to listen to membership, consider everyone's feedback and continue our efforts to tweak and improve our plans to deliver the best figure skating programs in the country. We feel a keen sense of partnership with you, the members, and are committed to providing the best and most meaningful competitive and non-competitive experiences for our skaters. This year we look forward to consultations on our strategic direction and we are delighted to be hosting the next Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in January 2020.

We aren't just Skate Ontario – we are #ChampiOntario.

Our success is the figure skating community's success. With the ongoing support of our donors, vendors, partners, Board, coaches, staff, volunteers and skaters, Skate Ontario is more than up to the challenges of what lies ahead.

Karen Butcher
President

Lisa Alexander
Executive Director



CLUBS & SCHOOLS

355 Skate Ontario clubs/schools form an integral part of delivering meaningful skating programs in our province. Skate Ontario clubs/schools provide best-in-class programs and opportunities for all club skaters.



CANSKATE EXCELLENCE

Skate Ontario launched the CanSkate Excellence recognition program to recognize clubs for demonstrating excellence in the delivery of their CanSkate program. Over the course of the year, 15 Skate Ontario Clubs were recognized with Advanced Standard and eight with Achieved Standard.

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CanSkate Excellence CLUB

The following clubs/schools have earned a spot in the CanSkate Excellence Club!

Advanced Standard ★:		★
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collingwood SC • East Gwillimbury SC • Gananoque SC • Gloucester SC • Hanover SC • Huntsville SC • Kenora SC • Mississauga FSC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oshawa SC • Rideau SC • Skate Canada Brampton-Chinguacousy SC • Skate Tecumseh • Stirling SC • Thunder Bay Skating Academy • Trenton SC 	
Achieved Standard ✓:		✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancaster SC • Char-Lan SC • Nepean SC • Newmarket SC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nickel Blades SC • Riverside SC • Skate LaSalle • Windsor SC 	



Skate Ontario offered clubs many options for support and information sharing throughout the year. 11 Club Support team members were engaged to facilitate club workshops, consultations and Skate Ontario event info sessions throughout the province.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- 355 clubs/schools in Ontario
- 92% of in-person club visits completed since amalgamation
- 300+ attendees at event info sessions



SKATER DEVELOPMENT



Skate Ontario was pleased to offer many development opportunities for our club and provincial athletes throughout the year. These opportunities provide athletes, coaches and officials the chance to interact and work together to improve skating at all levels in the Province.

PAIR SKATING

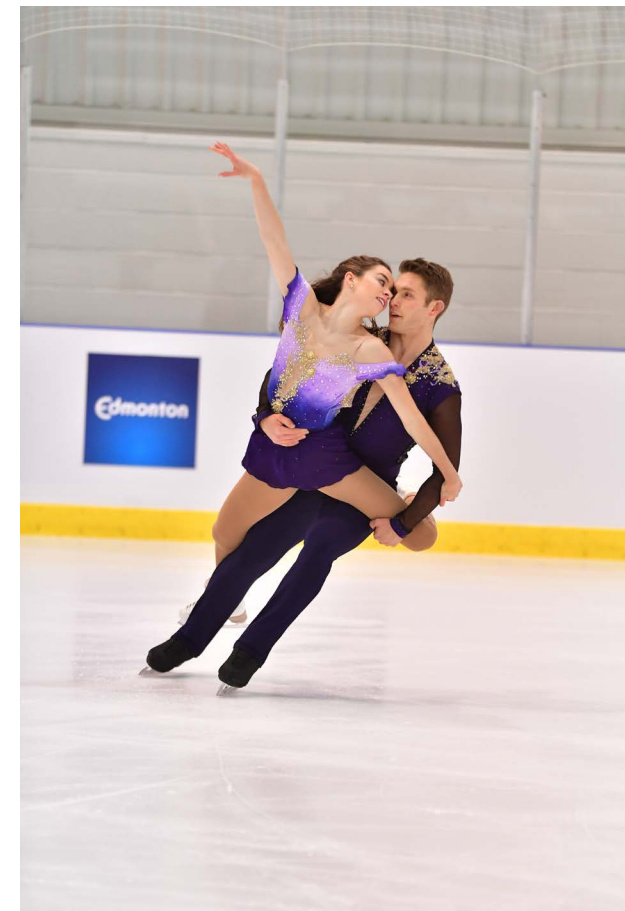
Skate Ontario is dedicated to increasing the number and quality of pair skaters and teams in our province. Several pair skating opportunities were offered throughout the year.

- Learn to Pair training days were held throughout the province from October to December. These days introduced interested skaters and coaches to pair skating.

WHERE	WHEN	PARTICIPANTS
Schomberg	October	22
Whitby	October	20
Paris	November	15
Whitby	December	20

- A Pair Team Training Day was held in Brampton in February. Guided by Dylan Moscovitch, three Pre-Juvenile teams and one Pre-Novice team received monitoring from international officials.

STRENGTH & Elegance



SUMMER TRAVEL TEAM

Skate Ontario sent a Summer Travel Team to the Wild Rose competition in Edmonton, Alberta. The team consisted of 15 athletes in Pre-Novice and Novice in singles, pair and ice dance. 10 Skate Ontario coaches also attended the competition. Our skaters won a total of eight medals at the event.



Skate Ontario family

BOYS SKATING

Boys from across the province spent the day with three-time world champion Elvis Stojko working on edges, jumps and spins. Elvis also led a great off-ice class!



ATHLETE SUPPORT

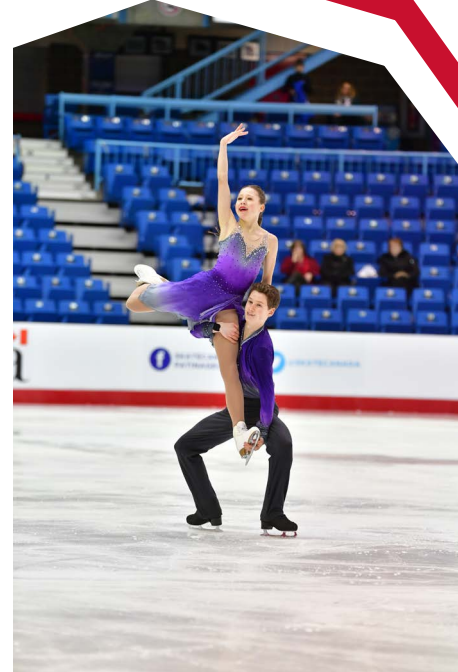
In addition to program delivery, Skate Ontario provided direct financial assistance of over \$170,000 to identified athletes and coaches.

ADULT SKATING

Two workshops were held for the adult skating community. Both workshops were led by Tyler Morris who kept everyone moving with edges, turns, stroking exercises and spins. 16 participants attended the November workshop in Komoka and 37 attended the February workshop in Toronto.

COACHES

Skate Ontario has over 2,000 registered coaches who are responsible for developing Ontario skaters from the grassroots of CanSkate right to the pinnacle of our sport at the World and Olympic championships. We are fortunate in Ontario to have some of the best coaches in the world who dedicate themselves to developing Ontario skaters at all levels.



DELIVERY OF NCCP COURSES

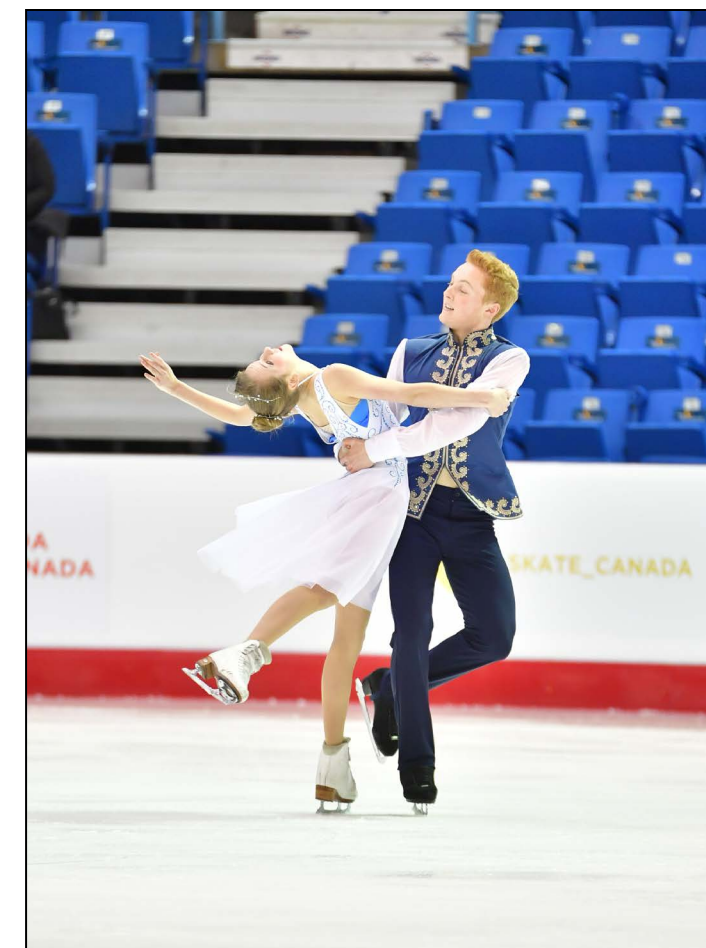
COURSE	OFFERINGS	PARTICIPANTS
CanSkate Coach	17 courses	374 participants
CanPowerSkate Coach	1 course	14 participants
Regional Coach	6 courses	103 participants
LF Training - Regional	1 course	2 participants
LF Training - CanSkate	1 course	5 participants



TEA TIME FOXTROT SEMINAR

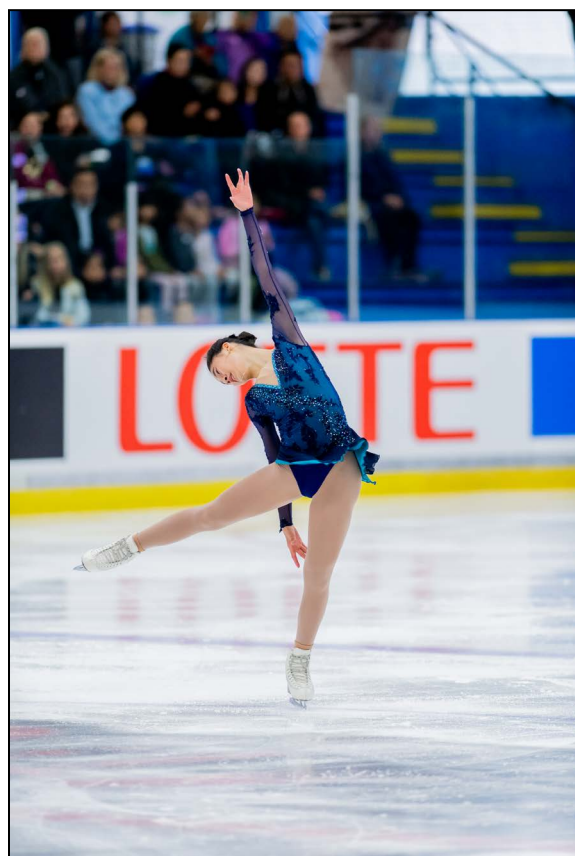


Skate Ontario hosted a Tea Time Foxtrot seminar in March of 2019. 49 dancers from Ontario, Alberta and Quebec, along with their coaches and some Skate Ontario officials, spent the day learning this new Junior Pattern Dance Element from the Polish ice dance team and coach who created the dance - Natalia Kaliszek and Maksym Spodyriev and (coach) Sylwia Nowak-Trebacka.



OFFICIALS

Skate Ontario has more than 250 certified officials that are Evaluators, Judges, Referees, Technical Officials, Data Specialists and Event Technicians. This dedicated group of volunteers gives countless hours at events and behind the scenes on operational committees to ensure a positive skating experience for all Ontario athletes.



+5/-5 GOE SYSTEM

The new +5/-5 GOE judging system was implemented in 2018. To ensure competition officials were prepared for the season, Skate Ontario officials participated in online training from Skate Canada and Skate Ontario delivered through interactive webinars.



CLINICS

Skate Ontario is working hard to offer training opportunities to our officials who wish to advance their qualifications. The following officials were trained in 2018 and are currently working towards promotions.

CLINIC	# TRAINED
STAR 1-4	19
Juvenile – Senior	41
SYS Tech Panel	12
SYS Judge training	28
Introductory Data Specialist	10
Level I Data Specialist	6

PROMOTIONS

Skate Ontario officials received many promotions throughout the 2018/19 season. Their dedication and commitment to improving their qualifications and expertise benefits all athletes throughout the province.

OFFICIALS' DEVELOPMENT/PROMOTION	# OF OFFICIALS
ISU Official	2
International Official	1
Canadian Officials	6
Challenge Officials	4
Senior Sectional Judges	4
Senior Invitational Judges	23
Juvenile Judges	10
BLTO/Technical Controller/Specialist	18
Evaluator	16
Level I Data Specialist	3

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING



Synchronized skating continues to grow in Ontario. This year saw 191 teams competing in events across the province.

DELIVERY OF SYS COACHING SEMINARS

SEMINAR	PARTICIPANTS
SYS Coaching Seminar	6 coaches
SYS Coach Enrichment Day	19 coaches

Synchronized skating teams participated in several mentoring and monitoring opportunities across the province:

- 12 SYS coach mentoring program participants, eight SYS coach mentors
- 62 teams monitored at events
- Junior and senior team monitoring at training facilities
- SYS Monitoring Day in Fall 2018 – 11 teams

Six synchronized skating events were held across Ontario with the following number of teams competing at each event:

EVENT	# OF TEAMS
Bill Phillips	101
Winterfest	105
Synchrofest	126
Regionals	97
Kanata	96
Deveau	49



HIGH PERFORMANCE

Skate Ontario continued to demonstrate excellence on the national and international scene in the 2018/19 post-Olympic season at both the Junior and Senior level. While we saw several retirements of long-time Skate Ontario skaters such as Patrick Chan and Dylan Moscovitch, we also saw the thrilling arrival on the international scene of Junior athletes such as Stephen Gogolev. The beginning of the next quadrennial of figure skating shows exciting promise for Ontario skaters in all disciplines: women, men, pair, ice dance and synchronized skating.



INTERNATIONAL EVENT ASSIGNMENTS

EVENT	WOMEN	MEN	PAIR	ICE DANCE	TOTAL
Novice International				1	1
Jr International B	2				2
Jr Grand Prix	4	7	4	6	21
Jr Grand Prix Final		1			1
ISU Challenger	2	4	3	4	13
Sr Grand Prix	2	3	4	2	11
Four Continents	1	1	2	2	6
Jr Worlds	1	1	1		3
Sr Worlds	3	1	2	2	8
World Team Trophy	2	1	1	1	5
EVENT	TEAM				
Jr Worlds Synchro	1				
Sr Worlds Synchro	1				

OHPSI PROGRAM

- More than 80 on-site visits at training locations and competitions with Skate Ontario high performance staff, officials and OHPSI athletes

36 Athletes were named to the 2018/19 Ontario High Performance Sports Initiative (OHPSI) team. These athletes received monitoring sessions in their training environments as well as simulation and competition feedback from Skate Ontario Judges and Technical Officials. OHPSI athletes also participated in fitness testing and educational opportunities funded through the OHPSI program.

NEXTGEN

21 Ontario athletes were named to the 2018/19 Skate Canada NextGen team. These skaters participated in a Team Camp in May 2018 that provided an opportunity for training and workshops that focused on sport psychology. Athletes also had the opportunity to work with Skate Canada staff throughout the year to have yearly planning meetings with their coaches and to receive competition monitoring and debriefing at various events.

WOMEN	MEN
Aurora Cotop	Stephen Gogolev
Alison Schumacher	Conrad Orzel
Hannah Dawson	Iliya Kovler
Victoria Bockneck	Corey Circelli
Catherine Carle	Alec Guinzbourg
Amelia Orzel	
PAIR	ICE DANCE
Patricia Andrew/Paxton Fletcher	Natalie D'Alessandro/Bruce Waddell
Olivia Boys-Eddy/Mackenzie Boys-Eddy	Nadiia Bashynska/Peter Beaumont
Brooke McIntosh/Brandon Toste	



CANADA WINTER GAMES

The Ontario figure skating team for the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alberta consisted of 15 athletes in Pre-Novice, Novice and three Special Olympics competitors. Each athlete attended the Canada Winter Games Camp on Feb 3-4 in Paris, Ontario to prepare for this once in a lifetime experience.



CANADA WINTER GAMES MEDAL WINNERS:

NAME	CATEGORY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
John Kim	Pre-Novice Men	1		
Audrey Carle	Pre-Novice Women			1
Lily Wilberforce/Aiden Wright	Pre-Novice Pair	1		
Gabrielle Guo	Novice Women		1	
Mackenzie Ripley / Owen Brawley	Novice Pair			1
Sydney Embro / Eric Millar	Novice Dance		1	
Ana Micanovic	Special O Singles Level II		1	
Sarah Thomas	Special O Singles Level II			1
Michael Raytchev	Special O Singles Level II	1		

INTERNATIONAL MEDAL COUNT

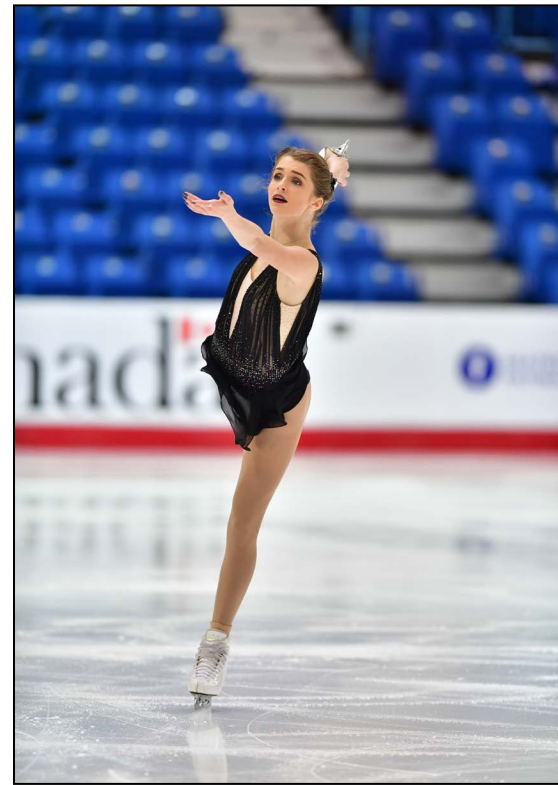
EVENT	ATHLETE/TEAM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Jr Grand Prix - Bratislava	Stephen Gogolev	1		
Jr Grand Prix - Yerevan	Iliya Kovler			1
Autumn Classic International	Roman Sadovsky			1
	Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marinaro		1	
	Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje	1		
Salt Lake City International	Nam Nguyen	1		
Nebelhorn Trophy	Piper Gillies / Paul Poirier	1		
Finlandia Trophy	Kaitlyn Weaver / Andrew Poje		1	
Sr Grand Prix – Skate Canada	Piper Gillies/Paul Poirier			1
	Kirsten Moore-Towers / Michael Marinaro			1
Sr Grand Prix – Internationaux de France	Piper Gillies/Paul Poirier			1
Golden Spin Trophy	Piper Gillies/Paul Poirier	1		
Alpen Trophy	Roman Sadovsky		1	
Jr Grand Prix Final	Stephen Gogolev	1		
ISU Four Continents	Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marinaro		1	
	Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje		1	
	Piper Gillies/Paul Poirier			1
Bavarian Open	Conrad Orzel		1	
	Aurora Cotop			1
Trophy d'Ecosse	Nexxice	1		
Spring Cup	Nexxice	1		

NATIONAL COMPETITION RESULTS

2019 SKATE CANADA CHALLENGE		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Entries	149			
Athletes	190			
Medals won		7	4	10

2019 CANADIAN TIRE NATIONAL SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Entries	69			
Athletes	94			
Medals won		6	6	4

2019 SKATE CANADA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Entries	20 teams			
Athletes	400			
Medals won		2	2	2



TITLES WON BY SKATE ONTARIO ATHLETES

Audrey Carle - Skate Canada Challenge, Pre-Novice Women Champion

John Kim - Skate Canada Challenge, Pre-Novice Men Champion

Lily Wilberforce/Aidan Wright - Skate Canada Challenge, Pre-Novice Pair Champions

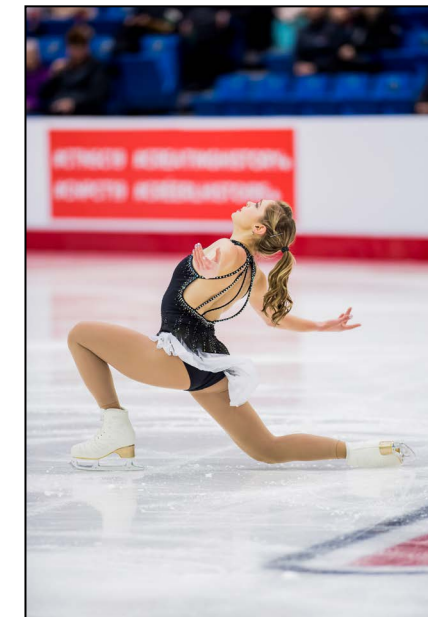
Hannah Dawson - Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Junior Women Champion

Sophia Kagolvszkaya/Kieran MacDonald - Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Novice Ice Dance Champions

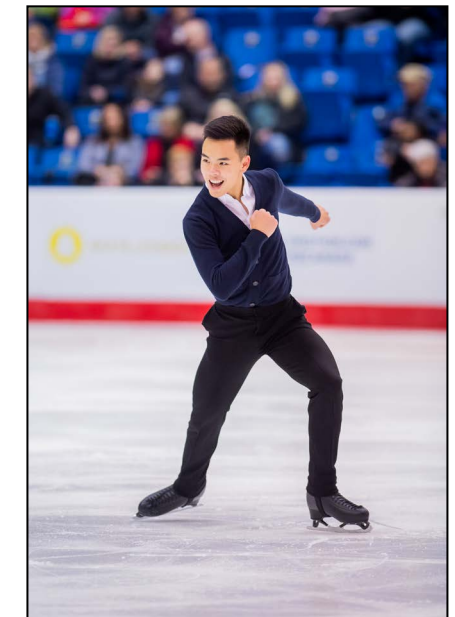
NEXXICE - Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships, Intermediate Champions

NEXXICE - Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships, Open Champions

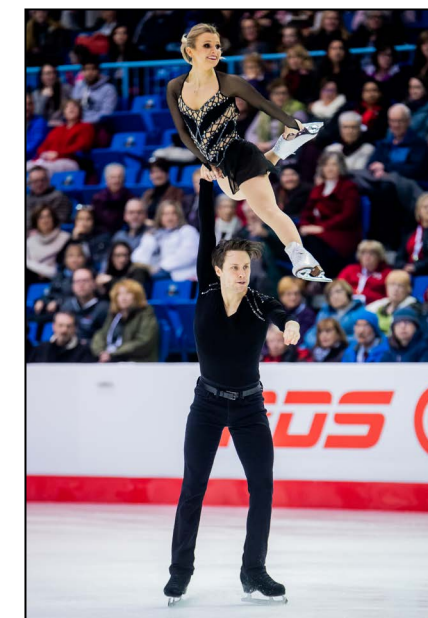
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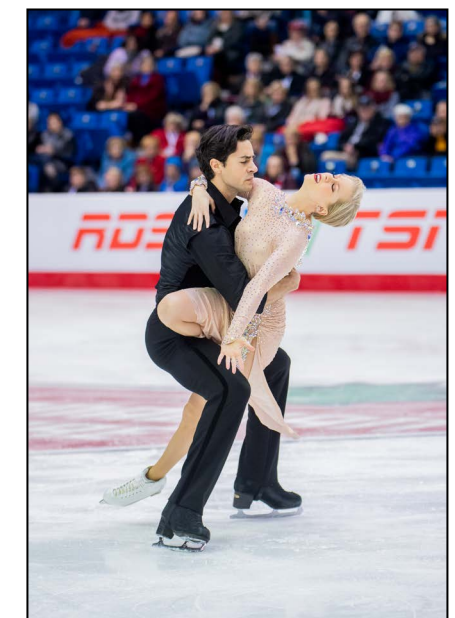
Alaine Chartrand
Canadian Tire National Skating Championships
Senior Women Champion



Nam Nguyen
Canadian Tire National Skating Championships
Senior Men Champion



Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marinaro
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Senior Pair Champions



Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje
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EVENTS

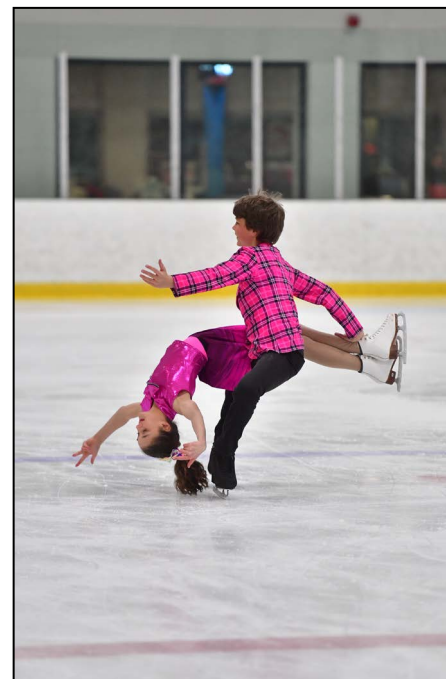
SKATE ONTARIO EVENT SERIES

Skate Ontario launched the new calendar of competitions in Ontario with four series of events:

SECTIONALS SERIES	5 EVENTS
SUPER SERIES	17 EVENTS
STAR 1-4 SERIES	13 EVENTS
SYNCHRO SERIES	6 EVENTS

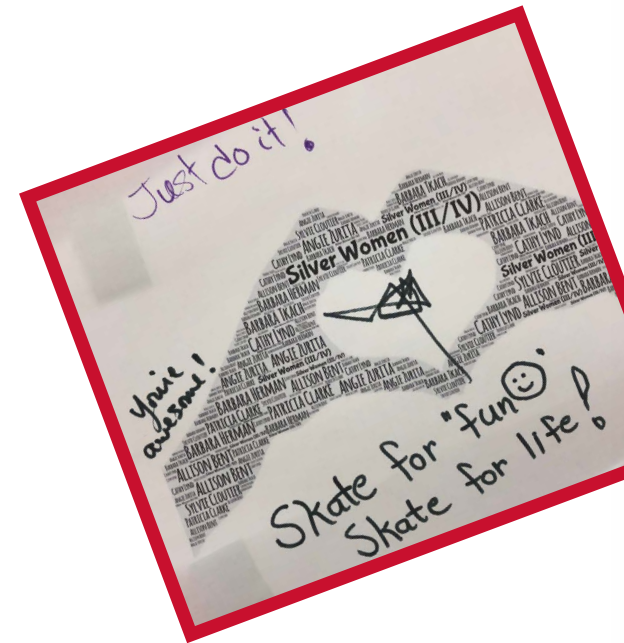
SECTIONALS SERIES COMPETITORS	
Total number of athletes	327
SUPER SERIES COMPETITORS	
Total singles skaters	1,252
Total pair teams	5
Total dance teams	31
Total triathletes	71

In addition, we held three OUA events and five Special Olympic events. These events provide competition opportunities for our athletes and are an important part of their overall development.

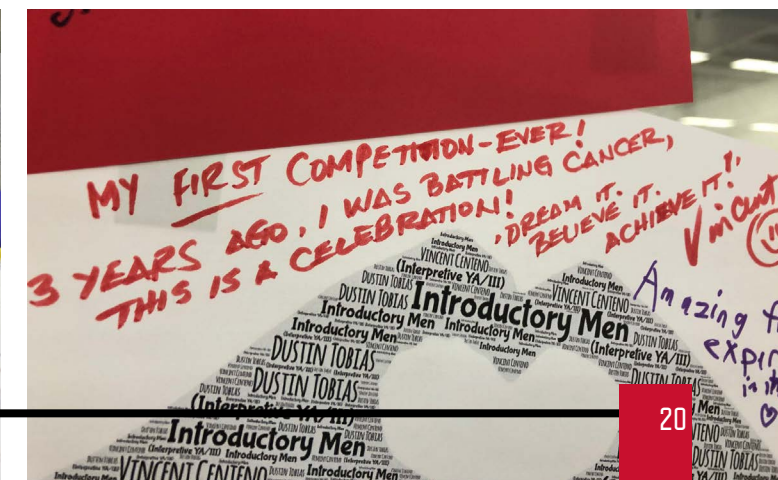
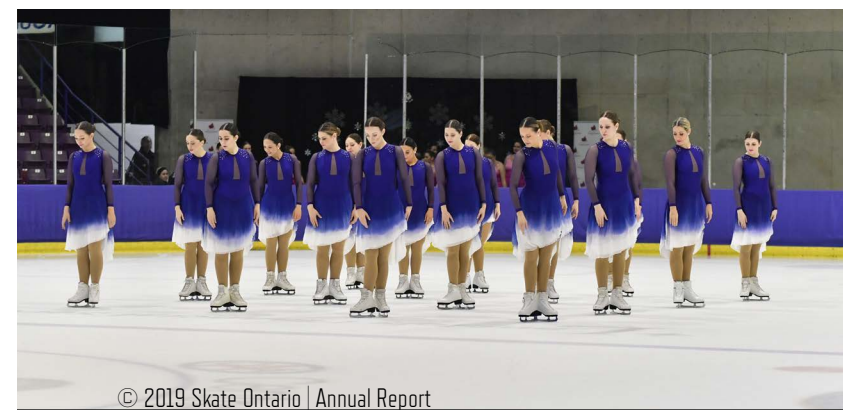


2019 SKATE ONTARIO ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Skate Ontario's Adult Championship was well received by all competitors. 126 athletes from six provinces and three states competed in various disciplines and enjoyed a meet and greet social before they took to the ice.



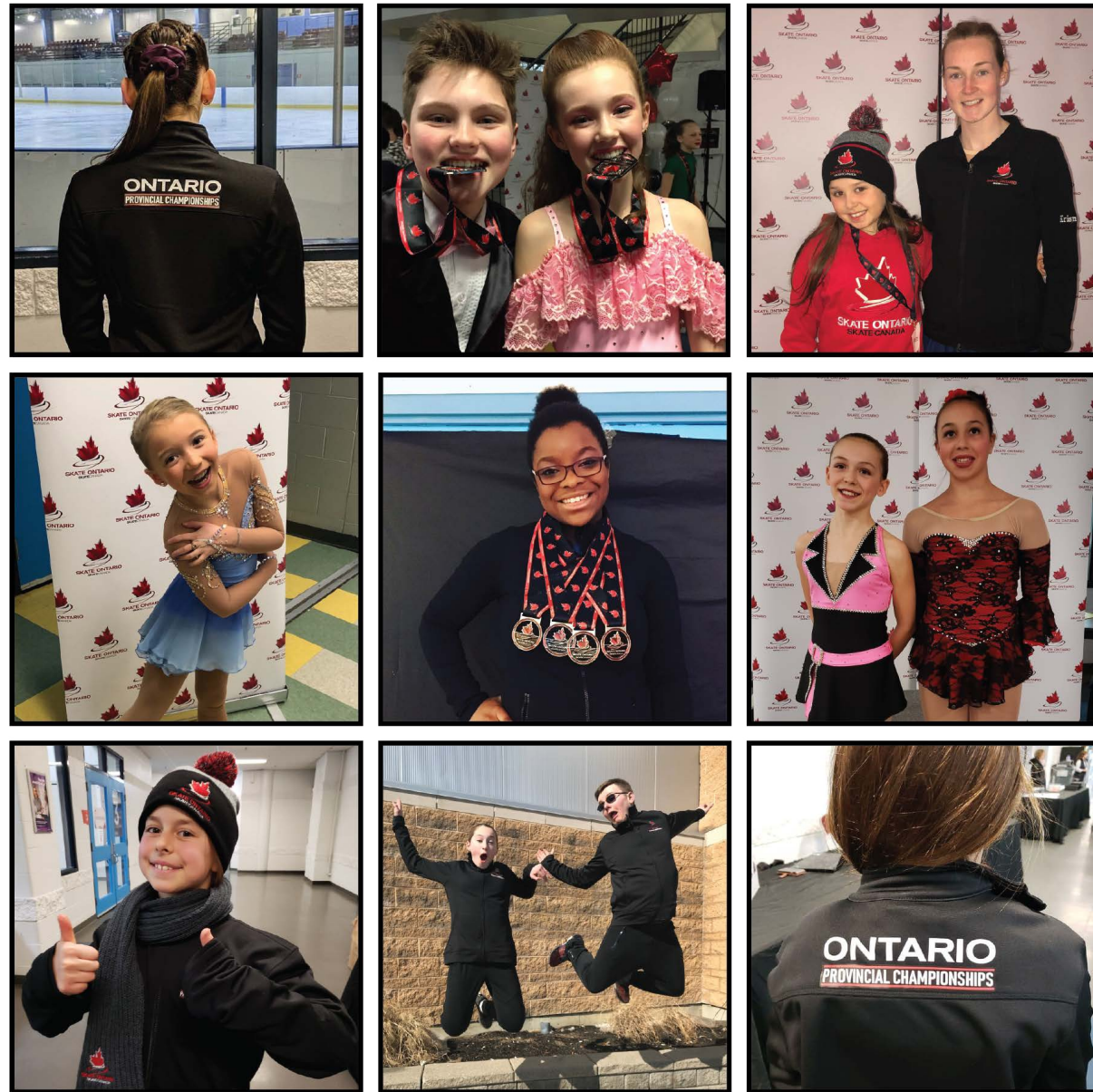
Skate Ontario adult skaters in action at the 2019 Adult Championships.



2019 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Skate Ontario hosted its first Provincial Championships in March 2019 in Mississauga, ON. The event was a great success and provincial figure skating champions were crowned for the first time by Skate Ontario in women, men, pair, ice dance, triathlon and synchro.

- 110 clubs/schools represented
- 493 singles/pair/ice dance athletes
- 517 synchro athletes/34 teams



2019 SKATE CANADA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Skate Ontario was pleased to host the 2019 Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Waterloo, ON. Nearly 4,000 skating fans attended this competition for the chance to see the best synchronized skating teams in Canada. More than 40 teams and over 800 skaters competed for the chance to be crowned Canadian champions. 20 teams from across Ontario participated in this event and won a total of six medals – with at least one medal won at each level.

2018 SKATE CANADA AUTUMN CLASSIC INTERNATIONAL

Skate Ontario was pleased to host the 2018 Skate Canada Autumn Classic International (ACI). This ISU Challenger Series event was held in Oakville in September, 2018. ACI was the fifth event on the ISU Challenger Series of events in the 2018/19 season. More than 4,000 people filled the stands to watch skaters from around the world compete for titles. Ontario was thrilled to have five entries in the event: two men, one pair team and two dance teams.



SOCIAL MEDIA

PLATFORM	MARCH 2019	DIFFERENCE IN % SINCE JUNE 2018
FACEBOOK		
Likes	7203	9.919+
Followers	7336	10.68+
INSTAGRAM		
Followers	4362	82.59+
Following	693	6.944+
Posts	618	113.8+
TWITTER		
Followers	3529	11.64+
Following	598	1.014+
Tweets	6639	6.139+
YOUTUBE		
Subscribers	97	646.2+
Videos	25	525+



LIVE STREAM

- 5 live stream events
- 5 million minutes watched
- 187,000 views

SKATE ONTARIO WEBSITE

In 2018, Skate Ontario was proud to launch our new website that focuses on improving the user experience for all stakeholders.





SKATE ONTARIO SKATER SPIRIT



**SKATER SPIRIT
CONTEST WINNERS**

Thanks Coach Edition:
Team Unity
Tavistock & District SC

Synchro Edition:
Platinum Edge Intermediate
Petawawa FSC

Provincials Edition:
Shirley Deck
Stirling FSC

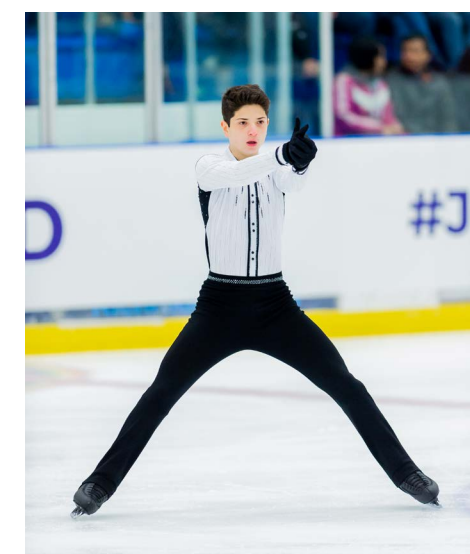
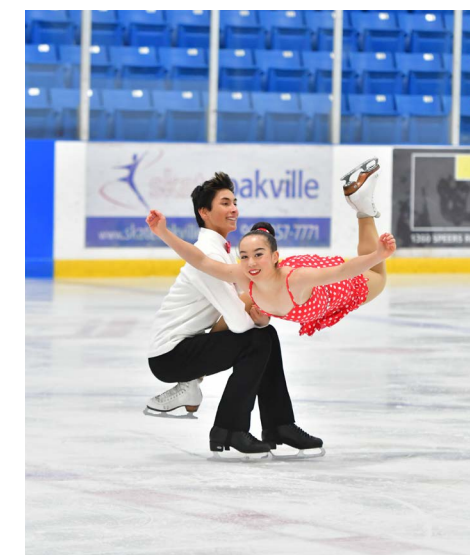


SKATE ONTARIO SKATER SPIRIT: PROVINCIALS edition

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Getting ready to crown the **FIRST EVER** #SkateOntario #Provincial #Champions - who from Ontario's past would you have crowned and why?

#SkateOntarioProud



Skate OntariYOU is an exciting new page on the Skate Ontario website devoted to the skaters and skating in our section.

Thank you!

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Skate Ontario wishes to acknowledge the contributions that have been made over the past year by the many skating volunteers within Ontario.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of skating in Ontario; they form the heart of skating clubs, competition committees, ice shows, officials communities and many other areas that touch figure skating throughout our province. We firmly believe that Ontario has some of the best and most dedicated volunteers in this country. This is demonstrated each and every weekend throughout the year in arenas across the province.

Whether you are a club board member, coordinator of an ice show, coach volunteer, committee member, official or any other kind of skating volunteer, we salute your incredible efforts and dedication to the sport of figure skating in our province.

THANK YOU TO OUR VENDORS



CLUB SUPPORT

2019 ONTARIO SKATERS PROMOTIONAL CONTEST

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Ontario Skaters Promotional Contest. Through this fundraising opportunity, Skate Ontario clubs have the chance to raise money and win amazing prizes.



Robert Nielsen and family with their new Ford Mustang



- 100 clubs participated
- \$191,500 fundraised for clubs
- Top selling club: Skate Oakville - \$12,100
- More than 8,700 booklets sold (174,000+ tickets)

PRIZE	TICKET #	NAME	CLUB
Mustang	42681	Robert Nielsen	Oshawa SC
Best Buy Gift Card (\$5,000)	158788	Nicole Villeneuve	Barry's Bay SC
Air Canada Gift Card (\$3,500)	32351	Erin Dunn	Moore SC
Macbook 1	124640	Michelle Ridge	Belmont SC
Macbook 2	189685	Amy Glass	Skate Canada Shelburne
Macbook 3	109970	Joanna Schmidt	Copper Cliff SC
Macbook 4	70664	Nick Stoukas	Skate Sarnia
Macbook 5	96227	Lucie Vander Byl	Embrun SC
iPad 1	120518	Karey Nelson	Burlington SC
iPad 2	46435	Mary Berkmortel	Timmins Porcupine FSC
iPad 3	211384	April Viczko	Ilderton SC
iPad 4	208315	Liz Bouchard	Thessalon FSC
iPad 5	68656	Cassandra Glover	Port Stanley SC

2018 STRENGTH IN UNITY

In June of 2018, Skate Ontario hosted the inaugural Strength in Unity community event – the first of its kind following the amalgamation of the four Ontario Sections. There were over 300 attendees at this conference including club board members, coaches, officials and volunteers. Some of the topics covered included conflict resolution, off-ice training and program updates from Skate Ontario and Skate Canada.

STRENGTH in *Unity* COMMUNITY EVENT

We also had the first presentation of the Skate Canada Section Awards as a unified Skate Ontario:

2018 AWARD WINNERS

AWARD	WINNER	CLUB
Competitive Athlete(s)	Erica Estepa & Nolen Hickey (ice dance)	Skate Canada Brampton Chinguacousy
Program Assistant	Melissa Crain	Perth FSC
Section Official	Jayne Zwiers	Orillia FSC
Section Volunteer	Karen Clarke	Collingwood SC
Section Volunteer Coach	Nicole Stachelscheid	Skate Canada Mount Forest
STARSkate Athlete	Melody Russell	Glen Cairn SC
Volunteer Award of Excellence	Ross Phelps	Leaside SC



JOIN US FOR OUR **2019 STRENGTH IN UNITY COMMUNITY EVENT - JUNE 15-16**



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STRENGTH in *Unity*
 COMMUNITY EVENT

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Skate Ontario AGM June 15 8:30 am - 9:30 am EST

SESSIONS June 15 9:45 am - 6:00 pm EST
 June 16 9:00 am - 12:00 pm EST

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